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NETWORK OF UNTRUSTED PARTIES**

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Enclosed are also:

☒ 37 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
☒ 6 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 20 )  
☒ 9 Sheet(s) of formal drawings  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
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☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation  
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☒ Form PTO 1449 and Reference AA

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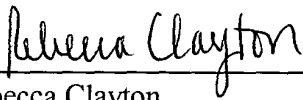
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4. Assignment (2 );
5. Declaration and Power of Attorney (2);
6. Patent Application ( 37 pgs. spec. & abstract, 6 pgs. Claims 1 - 20 );
7. 9 pages of formal drawings;
8. Information Disclosure Statement;
9. Form PTO 1449;
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11. Two return postcards.